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DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, WESTMEN ISLANDS, ICELAND

A. MY 032010 Z MAR 73 (NOTAL)

B. CINCLANT 011908 Z MAR 73 (NOTAL)

C. MY 261312 Z FEB 73

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D. CINCLANTFLTINST 7100.1 (NOTAL)

E. DOD DIRECTIVE 5100.46 OF 15 OCT 64 (NOTAL)

F. NAVCOMPTNOTE 7041 OF 23 JUNE 72 (NOTAL)

G. AIR FORCE REG 76-11 OF 25 SEPT 72 (NOTAL)

1. (U) AS OF 5 MAR, ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND (GOI) IN THE DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS FOR THE ISLAND OF HEIMAEOY WAS REDUCED TO MINIMAL DIMENSIONS. ONE ICELANDIC EMPLOYEE OF THE DEFENSE FORCE FORCE, 2 FIRE FIGHTING TRUCKS, 4 PUMPS AND VARIOUS HOSES, PIPES AND FITTINGS REMAIN ON HEIMAEOY. ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR COMMANDS. AS STATED IN REF A, SITREPS WILL BE PROVIDED WEEKLY WITH SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE OF UNUSUAL EVENTS.

2. (U) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE, C-130'S AND THE AERIAL PORT AUGMENTATION DURING THE PERIOD 23 JANUARY THROUGH 5 MARCH 1973.

A. IDF WAS NOTIFIED OF A VOLCANIC ERUPTION ON HEIMAEOY EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 23 JAN 73 GOI REQUESTED IMMEDIATE AIR EVACUATION OF MEDICAL PATIENTS FROM HOSPITALS AND MADE FOLLOW-ON REQUESTS TO TRANSPORT MATERIAL TO AND FROM HEIMAEOY. DEFENSE FORCE FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTER CARRIED 1052 PASSENGERS (INCLUDING MILITARY) AND 48.1 TONS OF CARGO. 399 SHEEP WERE ALSO AIRLIFTED TO THE MAINLAND. FIVE NATO BASE FIREMEN, NUMEROUS ITEMS OF FIRE EQUIPMENT, PACKING CONTAINERS AND MATERIAL WERE ALSO FURNISHED AT THE REQUEST OF GOI, SHORTLY AFTER THE ERUPTION. SEVERAL ICELANDIC AIRCRAFT OPERATED DURING THIS PERIOD. HOWEVER, ACCURATE RECORDS OF THEIR OPERATION ARE UNAVAILABLE.

B. ON 28 JANUARY, A DEFENSE FORCE LIAISON OFFICER WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL (CDC) FOR COORDINATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

C. AT THE REQUEST OF GOI, A MILITARY TERMINAL DETACHMENT WAS ESTABLISHED AT THORLAKSHOFN ON 29 JAN TO REDUCE SHIP TURN AROUND TIME BETWEEN HEIMAEOY AND THE MAINLAND. THIS DETACHMENT TRANSPORTED HOUSEHOLD GOODS CONTAINERS BETWEEN REYKJAVIK AND THORLAKSHOFN (4485 TOTAL MILES) AND PROCESSED A TOTAL OF 592 HOUSEHOLD CONTAINERS. THE PORT TERMINAL DETACHMENT WAS SECURED ON 3 FEB WHEN HEAVY SEAS PRECLUDED SHIPS FROM ENTERING THE PORT.

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D. AT THE REQUEST OF GOI, A DEFENSE FORCE COORDINATION OFFICER, AND A NINETY-EIGHT MAN MILITARY WORK FORCE WAS DISPATCHED TO HEIMAEOY ON 2 FEB, THE FORCE GREW TO A HIGH OF 124 AND WAS LATER REDUCED TO 61 ON 24 FEB WHEN GOI DECIDED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON HEIMAEOY. (THE LATEST ESTIMATES ARE 450 TO 480 ICELANDERS REMAIN ON HEIMAEOY.) THE MILITARY INITIALLY REMOVED ASH FROM THE ROOF TOPS AND SHOICVELED OUT ENTRANCES TO BUILDINGS TO ALLOW WORKING PARTIES TO REMOVE PERSONAL PROPERTY. COMMENCING ON 12 FEB, ADDITIONAL TASKS INCLUDED DISMANTLING EQUIPMENT FROM FACTORIES, OPERATING TRUCKS AND MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT,

REPAIRING VEHICLES, COLLECTING AND DISPOSING OF PERISHABLE GOODS, LOADING AND UNLOADING ICELANDIC AIRCRAFT AND LOADING INTRA- COASTAL FREIGHTERS. THE WORK FORCE WAS PHASED OUT ON 5 MARCH 73 WHEN THE WESTMEN ISLAND CITY COUNCIL ASSUMED TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

E. AT THE REQUEST OF THE CDC, A 21- MAN MILITARY CARGO HANDLING TEAM LOADED AND UNLOADED ICELANDIC AIRCRAFT AT THE REYKJAVIK AIRPORT DURING THE PERIOD 7 - 12 FEB.

F. ON 11 FEB GOI MADE AN OFFICIAL REQUEST THROUGH THE US AMBASSADOR THAT IDF OBTAIN HEAVY LIFT AIRCRAFT TO ASSIST IN COMPLETE EVACUATION FROM HEIMAAY. TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT FROM LANGLEY AFB ARRIVED AT KEFLAVIK AUGMENTED WITH AN AERIAL PORT DETACHMENT ON 12 FEB. THE C-130' S FIRST FLYING DAY WAS 16 FEB. IN ALL, THE C-130' S REMOVED 711.6 TONS OF CARGO AND 224 PASSENGERS TO KEFLAVIK AND TRANSPORTED 89.5 TONS OF CARGO AND 220 PASSENGERS TO HEIMAAY. THE C-130 AIRLIFT WAS COMPLETED ON 28 FEB AND THE AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO CONUS ON 1 MARCH 1973.

3. (C) AS REQ BY PARA 4, REF B, FOL INFO PROVIDED FOR PERIOD OF 23 JAN - 5 MARCH 73 AS AN UPDATE TO REF C. REFS D. E. F. AND G APPLY.

A. NAVY:	M/ H	COST
(1) CIVILIAN M/ H AND COST	3,057	\$ 11,975
(2) MILITARY M/ H AND COST	53,429	258,815
(3) MATERIAL COST	19,852	
(4) COMMERCIAL CONTRACT COSTS		0
(5) OTHER COSTS		
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(A) TRANSPORTATION EQUIP		1,846
TOTAL M/# AND COSTS	55,192	292,388
(6) A/ C TYPE, HRS FLOWN, AND COST (SEE NOTE 1)		
(A) C-47	70.4	12,011
(B) C-117	37.3	2,082
TOTAL		20,093

B. AIR FORCE (AIR FORCES ICELAND)

(1) MILITARY M/ H AND COST	15,868	91,744
(2) MATERIAL COST	2,974	
(3) A/ C TYPE, HRS FLOWN, AND COST (SEE NOTE 2)		
(A) HH-3	46.0	16,330
TOTAL		111,059

C. AIR FORCE (TAC)

A/ C TYPE, HRS FLOWN, AND COST (SEE NOTE 2)

(1) C-130	125.9	83,219
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TOTAL	85,177
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NOTE 1: COSTS PER FLYING HOUR AS PROVIDED BY REF B.

NOTE 2: COSTS PER FLYING HOUR FROM REF G

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